

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please insert the following replacement claims 1-10, 12-13, 15 and 17-24 in which claims 1, 8, 10, 12 and 17 have been amended, claims 2 and 9 have been canceled, and new claims 20-24 have been added.

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1. (Currently Amended) A method of collecting capacity planning data for a plurality of client machines at a central collection location, said method comprising:

collecting client management data at two or more of the plurality of client machines;

storing the client management data in a cache at each of the two or more client machines for a selected time interval;

averaging the cached client management data at each of the two or more client machines over the selected time interval, wherein the client management data collected at each of the two or more client machines is also stored and averaged at that client machine; and

transmitting the averaged client management data to the central collection location.

2. (Canceled).

3. (Original) The method as recited in claim 1, wherein said collecting step includes collecting client management data for a plurality of clients.

4. (Original) The method as recited in claim 1, wherein the client management data is collected at a first time interval.

5. (Original) The method as recited in claim 4, wherein the selected time interval is at least twice as long as the first time interval.

6. (Original) The method as recited in claim 1, wherein the client management data is stored in one or more tables in the cache.

7. (Original) The method as recited in claim 1, wherein the client management data is stored in one or more allocated portions of memory.

8. (Currently Amended) One or more computer-readable media having computer-executable instructions for performing ~~the method recited in claim 1~~ a method comprising:

collecting client management data at two or more of the plurality of client machines;

storing the client management data in a cache at each of the two or more client machines for a selected time interval;

averaging the cached client management data at each of the two or more client machines over the selected time interval, wherein the client management data collected at each of the two or more client machines is also stored and averaged at that client machine; and

transmitting the averaged client management data to the central collection location.

9. (Canceled)

10. (Currently Amended) One or more computer-readable media having computer-executable components comprising:

a plurality of client collection ~~component~~ components for collecting client management data at two or more of a plurality of client machines;

a plurality of client caching ~~component~~ components for storing the client management data at each of the two or more client machines for a selected time interval;

an a plurality of averaging ~~component~~ components for averaging the cached client management data over the selected time interval at each of the two or more client machines wherein the client management data collected at each of the two or more client machines is also stored and averaged at that client machine; and

a plurality of transmission ~~component~~ components for transmitting the averaged client management data to a central collection location.

12. (Currently Amended) The computer-readable medium of claim ~~11~~ 10, wherein the transmission components transmit raw client management data upon occurrence of an event.

13. (Original) The computer-readable medium of claim 12, wherein the event is exceeding of one or more performance thresholds.

15. (Previously Presented) One or more computer-readable media having computer-executable modules comprising:

means for collecting client management data;

means for storing the client management data for a selected time interval;

means for averaging the stored client management data over the selected time interval; and

means for transmitting the averaged client management data to a central location.

17. (Currently Amended) The computer-readable medium of claim 15, wherein the transmission means transmits raw client management data upon occurrence of an event.

18. (Original) The computer-readable medium of claim 17, wherein the event is exceeding of one or more performance thresholds.

19. (Previously Presented) One or more computer-readable media having stored thereon a data structure comprising a data field containing capacity planning data which represents averaged performance monitoring data collected over a period of time, wherein the performance monitoring data is converted into capacity planning data before the data structure is transmitted to a central collection location for capacity planning purposes.

20. (New) The media of claim 8, wherein the media is coupled with a computer system having a processor, a memory and an operating environment.

21. (New) The media of claim 8, wherein the client management data is collected at a first time interval.

22. (New) The media of claim 21, wherein the selected time interval is at least twice as long as the first time interval.

23. (New) The media of claim 8, wherein the client management data is stored in one or more tables in the cache.

24. (New) The media of claim 8, wherein the client management data is stored in one or more allocated portions of memory.
